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(Police)

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for .. November 192

SUBJECT.

Rioting that occurred at Shimoga town, on the last day of Muharram

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Sd) To Mr. Abdul Rahiman
Pr C. Contractor, Shimoga
& others.

No. 2228 of 1.11.21

Informs that Govt see no ne
interfere in the matter.

Police 5
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G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

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D No. 1092

Tel. d/ 12.9.1921 from Sergiar Kotturu and Pachayyan Master ceremonies, Shimoga stating that 9th day of Mohurram stopped since licence applied for had not been granted and soliciting telegraphic orders to celebrate feast as usual if no orders no feast. Genl Secy's order:—

Rcd. personally from the Dewan

Police

To Dy Commr for report if necessary

Initd) B.R.
12/9/21

1) Draft Subd.
14/9 2) Issue
14/9
14/9/21.

Se no 4, To the D.C. Shimoga Dy. No D 1543 Dt 15.9.192
Forwards the above Petition for favour of a report if necessary

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

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From the D.M., Shimoga Dist. SLR
No. JB 160/Judl. 21-22 d/ 17/18.9.1921
Invites refce. to his letter d/ 17.9.1921 regarding the riot that occurred on 13.9.1921 in connection with Mohurram celebrations.

3) Subd. for perusal.
SLR
19/9

SL 9

To. Abdul Rahman as above
No. J2228 dt. 1.11.1921
Informs that Govt cannot interfere in the matter

To the D.M. Shimoga
No. J3379 dt. 10.11.1921
Forwards copy of the above

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C. 598
14.9.21

CB 894 3

Confidential.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE

14th September 1921

Sir,

4) I herein enclose for the information of Government a copy of telegram, received from the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga, in regard to a serious rioting there yesterday. The report alluded to in the telegram has not yet been received.

Yours sincerely,
S. Narayanan
Asst. to the Inspector General of Police.

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esqr, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Govt.,
of Mysore. General Department.
BANGALORE.

(1st member & Dewan) 14.9 14-9-21

5) Think telegram "Confirm more info" old house less fort

6) Telegram quite bald. In such serious cases, reports should be sent by special messenger & not posted. No report from the District yet, though it appears from the telegram 14-9-21 [illegible]

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Copy of telegram dated 14th September 1921 from the Superintendent of Police, Shimoga District to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Serious rioting occurred here yesterday moharum festivities Police assaulted. Report posted.

~~Superintendent.~~

L. Narayan Rao

Assistant to the Inspector General of Police

G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

CB 70-21-1

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4.] No report has been recd. so far. (5 P.M.). But I have ascertained, by telephone, that the Dfl. has recd. a report & is submitting it to Govt. Will be put up immediately on receipt.

Dewan). K.V.O 15-9-21

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G.R.S. III—3]

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Routine Notes.

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9) The report, (mine recd. 5.15) is placed below. Though bad enough, the occurrence can not be said to be very serious, and the Police Supdt's report should have been fuller, and might have been better in several respects.

10) It is strange the Dr Comm & Dist Magte has not reported the occurrence.

hm
15-9-21

Dewan).

11) Yes. I cannot really understand the reluctance of the boy & the struggle in the matter. Please make a note & by inquiring the to inform the Commnr. The incident is quite serious enough.

hm
15.9.21

12) Any more be undertaken & the Dist-Magistrate & the Superintendent also for compn.

hm

13) D.O. sent accdly hm 16.9.21.

1st member) 14) ✓ ch. 16.9 hm 16-9-21

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7.8.21

Secn

15) Thus 20.9.21 hm

16) Note

hm

Police

POSTS & TELEGRAPHS. 77.7092

NOTICE.

This form must be produced by any inquiry made respecting this telegram.

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Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
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TO

CM. 70-21-11(a)

Rcd. here at	13	H.	M.

Lie

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

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G. R. S. VI.—a/7]

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SUBJECT.....

CB70-21-1(b)

Section. Police
File No. 5-21
Serial No. 4

No. 7 1570

Diary No. of letter replied to 1092

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
(Police)
, the.....191

Date of issue 15/9/21

Signed by M. Chl

The accompanying ~~Petition~~ copy of telegram Registered No. 1092 dated 12th September 1921, addressed to the Dewan and received at the General and Revenue Secretariat from Sergirow, Kotwal and Pachamiyan, Master of ceremonies, Shimoga, stating that the 9th day of Moharram has been stopped since license applied for has not been granted. JC

is forwarded, ~~together with its enclosures,~~ with compliments to the District Magistrate, Shimoga, for favour of a report, if necessary.

~~for~~.....

By Order,

14/9/21

For Secretary to Government.

P.T.O.

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G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

CB 894 10
CB70-21-2

C.590

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE

15th September 1921

Sir,

I herein enclose for the information of Government a copy of the report received to-day from the Superintendent of Police, Shimoga District regarding the rioting that occurred there on the 13th instant.

Yours sincerely,
P. Narayana Rao
Asst. to the Inspector General of Police.

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General Department.

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D.O. letter dated 13th September 1921 from the Superintendent of Police, Shimoga District, to the Inspector General of Police,

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I beg to report that there was unfortunately a serious breach of the Public peace here this day in connection with the Moharam festivities. The Mahomedans of the locality acted most unruly and boisterous because a license was refused to be granted to one, Sir~~gi rao~~ Giraoji Pachamiya constituting him the sole authority for sub licensing 50 or more other persons whose names and other particulars he refused to disclose. As usual Panjas and Tabooths were brought out this morning near the Police station wherefrom they refused to move. As a result of the conspiracy among the rowdy leaders, the mob rushed into the Town Police Station where the Special 2nd class Magistrate had also been summoned and assaulted a number of Police Officers of all ranks. They also caused damage to the Station furniture and other Government property. The information was promptly communicated to the District Magistrate who forthwith motored to the spot. Thanks to the District Magistrate who with his wonted firmness and tact brought the situation under control in a couple of hours. Even in his presence the mob behaved no better. The rowdies consisting of the Muzavars Panja and taboot carriers assaulted the Police Officers and men a second time though with less serious consequences. Of the number of Officers and men assaulted, only one Police man is seriously injureed and even he is improving under the medical treatment. In accordance with the modified licence issued by the District Magistrate the processions and disguisers are going on quietly now. I beg to assure you that the Police Officers have exhibited extraordinary patience and courage in dealing with the mob. Though provoked to a quarrel, the Police ~~disappointed~~ disappointed the mob and kept themselves perfectly cool and bore all the insults and bullying.

The case will be duly registered and investigated and

and the offenders brought to book.

Further report will follow in due course.

P.S.

Everything is peaceful at Bhadravati where from I returned only last evening. The District Magistrate is just returned from Bhadravati and kindly informed me that everything is alright.

Copy

For Inspector General of Police.

1186/g.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

No g 160/21-22 Eu:1

SHIMOGA 17th September 1921.

P.R. 5-21-8

GEN & REV SEC/
18 SEP 1921

CB 70-21-(5)

From G. Aravamudu Iyengar Esq. B.A.,B.L.

Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

B. Ramaswamiya Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to Government,
General Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that a riot which at one time threatened to be serious occurred at Shimoga town on the last day of the Moharam. The facts relating to the incident are as follows:-

One Pacha Mia a retired Assistant Inspector of Excise has been officiating as 'Surgirow' for some years past in the Moharram celebrations of the town. As the name would imply the office was probably connected originally with the leadership of Girow or ~~Surgirow~~ singing parties. but whatever may have been its original functions, the local practice for some years past was for the Surgirow himself not taking an active part in the celebrations, his chief function consisting in meeting the Taboots and Panjas assembled and in giving permission for their dispersion. He used however to apply for a magisterial license for putting on various disguises on behalf of persons supposed to be under his control. At first the names of men so taking part used to be furnished and detailed in the license but latterly this was dropped and a license mentioning merely the number of disguises

came to be granted to Pachamia who in his turn retailed the same to any applicant, thus exercising a monopoly right in the matter.

This year an application for a similar license was made by Pachamia to the special First Grade Magistrate who granted the same limiting the number of disguises to a smaller number than was the case last year. The order was communicated orally on the 8th September and the formal license was sent to the Police for transmission to the party. In the meanwhile Pachamia applied to me for a revision of the order praying for the grant of the full number of disguises asked for. This application was forwarded by me to the Police Superintendent for a report. In submitting the report the Police Superintenden strongly objected to the form in which the license was issued which left no control to the Police - a result which was to be deprecated particularly this year as there was some bad blood between the Hindus and Mahamadans and as a substantial portion of the available police force was sent on to Bhadravati to watch the situation there.

On receipt of this report I requested the First Grade Magistrate to withdraw the license which had not been delivered to the party and issue individual licenses to the applicants. To avoid any inconvenience I took immediate steps to intimate the decision to Pachamia and other persons intending to put on disguises. Pachamia was however given a further concession that a license in his name for a number of disguises will be issued if he should only submit the names of persons who were so taking part under his control.

Accordingly thirteen applications were received and licenses granted. Seeing however that no further application was received from Pachamia and suspecting that he may cause trouble later on as he had some definite function to discharge before the Taboots and Panjas dispersed, I sent word to the Police Superintendent who was then at Bhadravati with the

Police Inspector and at the same time desired the Amildar to get to know the intentions of the parties. The Superintendent and the Inspector came in the evening and opened conversations with Pachamia and other persons concerned. As a result Pachamia undertook to arrange for the procession as usual and to apply to me the next day for the issue of a license in his name.

Thus the matter was for the time being satisfactorily settled and the next morning Pachamia sent the Taboot and Panjas in his control to the meeting place according to his undertaking. In the meanwhile he appears to have been got at by a few evil advisers and he put off going over himself giving flimsy excuses at first and afterwards insisting upon the issue of a license in the original form claiming for the first time that he ruled the festivities that day and that he alone could issue the permits for disguises. This obstinate attitude set back the orderly conduct of the procession and the Taboots and Panjas waited in front of the Police station for the final permission of the Surgirov for dispersion.

This was at about 9.30 A.M., and the Police Superintendent came to me to report the situation and to take further instructions. While we were talking over the matter word was brought that a crowd had rushed into the Police station and were beating the Police officers and men and otherwise committing damage to the furniture and other properties in the station. Immediately we motored over to the station after sending an intimation to the Military that their help may be required later on if the situation gets out of hand. By the time we reached the station the rowdy crowd had dispersed and nothing of the fracas was visible except a few overturned chairs and benches and some damaged flower plants and pots.

Immediately I sent word to Pachamia to meet me and represent to me personally what he had to say or at any rate

to arrange for the peaceful conduct of the procession. Though he did not turn up in person as he was reported to be under a religious vow, he sent others through whom I was able to convince him about the untenability of his claim and on his submitting a petition undertaking to furnish in advance the names of persons who are to put on disguises under his aegis and to furnish security for their individual good behaviour a license was granted by me. Thereupon the whole situation cleared and the assembly of Taboots and Panjas dispersed peacefully. There was the usual procession of the Panjas, Taboots and Mummees in the evening and everything went off without any hindrance.

The above are the circumstances which preceded and followed the actual riot. As regards the incident itself it is reported that some of the Panja holders and a section of the rowdy elements that had gathered at the place, rushed into the Police station either of their own accord or at the suggestion of some persons behind the scene, roughly handled the Police Inspector and a few other police officers and men assembled at the place and dispersed soon after. The motive for the assault is not quite clear but it may well have been with the object of overawing the authorities or wreak some vengence on the police who were believed to have been at the bottom of the withdrawal of the license. The probability is that the whole act was more or less unpremeditated and intended to show the displeasure of the assembled mob at the action of the Police.

The incident is now under ~~the~~ Police investigation who have taken cognizance of the offence and submitted a report of the occurrence to the Special First grade Magistrate. A copy of the 1st information report submitted by the Police Superintendent is hereto appended.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner

District Heinous Crime No: 9 of 1921/22 under Secs: 452, 147 & 149, I.P.C.
Shimoga Taluq

The following is the report of a serious riot that occurred on the last day of Moharrum at Shimoga:-

Encl. to No. 17

For some years past it has been the practice to issue a lump license for putting on disguises to one Pachamia who has been officiating as 'Surgerov' in the Moharrum Celebrations, this person in his turn issuing permits to all other individuals wishing to take part after receiving some payments therefor. Similarly this year a license was issued by the Special First Class Magistrate to Pachamia, following the practice in vogue. As this system contravened the provisions of law and did not provide for individual responsibility for good behaviour, the matter was brought to the notice of the District Magistrate, who, directed the withdrawal of the license in the form given and issue of individual licenses. Accordingly a number of individual licenses were issued, but Pachamia did not move for a license himself, though he was informed that in his case the mention of names of persons who would put on disguises under his aegis would be considered as sufficient..

This attitude of Pachamia created a suspicion that some trouble was brewing. The Superintendent of Police and the Police Inspector came up from Bhadravati where they intended to stay to watch the situation at the place. Immediately conversations were opened and every endeavour was made to convince Pachamia that no injury to his interest was intended and that the order about the individual licenses with the modification in his case, was issued in the interest of Public Peace. After great difficulty and with the help of some mediators, he accepted the situation and promised to create no trouble the next day, when he had some functions to do as 'Surgerov' in the procession of Taboots and Punjas.

Recd. 16.9.21.

The next morning, the Taboot under his control accordingly came to the meeting place in front of the Police Station and it only required Pachamia to go there himself, meet the other Taboots and Punjas at the end of which they should have dispersed. In the meanwhile Pachamia seems to have been got at by some evil-advisers and kept back from coming, giving out at first some lame excuses and afterwards standing out for the issue of a license in the old form in his favour before he would take part. While the matter stood thus and the Superintendent had gone over to the District Magistrate to take instructions, some of the carriers of Punjas and other rowdies about nearly one hundred in all, egged on by some of the leaders behind the scene, rushed into the Police Station, assaulted the Police Inspector the Head Quarter Inspector and other Officers and men at the place, committed mischief and damage to the Station furniture and the garden in front and committed other acts of rowdyism which created some amount of panic and consternation amongst the people assembled and in the vicinity. Information of the event was immediately carried to the District Magistrate and the Superintendent who at once came to the spot took the situation on hand, pacified the people and opened conversation with Pachamia. After some difficulty Pachamia was convinced of the untenability of his position and on his submitting a petition to the District Magistrate accepting the individual responsibility of persons nominated by him to put on disguises a modified license was issued in his favour by the District Magistrate. Thereupon the procession of the Punjas and Taboots in the morning and later in the evening went off quietly.

It is now proposed to prosecute for rioting the persons who rushed into the Police Station and assaulted the Officers. As the Police Inspector is himself one of the injured persons, Mr. C. S. Krishna Murthi Rao, Amildar Shimoga Taluk has been desired to take up the investigation. F.I.R was submitted to the Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga.

(Sd) G. Krishna Murthi Rao
District Superintendent of Police,
Shimoga.

Shimoga.
Dated. 15-9-1921.

Encl^s to Dy Comr.
16/9

K.S.

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Serial No.

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Office of the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

No. C. 590/21. Dated Bangalore, 17th September 1921.

CB.70-21 8(6) 1185/g

From

A.Subramanya Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.

SEP 192

Sir,

In continuation of this office No.C.590 dated 15th instant re the riot at Shimoga on the last day of Moharam, I have the honour to forward a copy of the F. I.R. relating to the case received from the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector-General of Police.

Gen'l Secy
For perusal
C.R.
19.9.21
To be put up with papers in the C.R. for perusal of Hon'ble member of Dewan
20.9.21

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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F.I.R. dated 15th September 1921 received from the Superintendent of Police, Shimoga.

Government.	Vs.	Accused. Pachamia and 59 others as per list enclosed.

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F.I.R. was submitted to the Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga.

List of accused persons concerned in Crime No. H.C.9 of 1921-22.

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1. Paschamiya.
2. Mohadeen Khan.
3. Mustufa Khan.
4. Hebbandi Davood Sab.
5. Abdul Rahimmalias Nannoba.
6. Pattegar Hussain Sab.
7. Isuff Sab.
8. Syed Hyder.
9. Gashi Makan Imam Sab.
10. Abdul Khader.
11. Mahamad Hussain.
12. Miya Sab.
13. Kareem Sab.
14. Syed Hussain.
15. Imam Sab.
16. Syed Ahamad.
17. Pathe Khan.
18. ~~Rmx~~ Kareem.
19. Baban.
20. Razak.
21. Khasim.
22. Yakoob.
23. Kamal.
24. Latheef.
25. Yakoob Sab bin Lalamiya.
26. Khadarkhan.
27. Shek Ahamad.
28. Khasim Sab.
29. Hameed.
30. Hassan.
31. Madar Sab.
32. Babar.
33. Ghouse.
34. Abdulla.
35. Phakeer Sab.
36. Imam.
37. Madoji.
38. Budan Sheriff.
39. Khader Sheriff.
40. Jamal.
41. Davood Sab.
42. Deen Ahamadana Chabu.
43. Sabu.
44. Bhishkin Mohadeen.
45. Udda Hussain.
46. Ahamad Beig.
47. Gidd a Khasim.
48. Syed Raheem alias Perla.
49. Gafur.
50. Budan.
51. Bheemanna.
52. Dharwadi Nanna.
53. Yellappa.
54. Nabi.
55. Usman Sab.
56. Usman.
57. Mishkin Imam.
58. Khoti.
59. Syed Raheem.
60. Imam Mohadeen and others.

"Copy"

Inspector-General of Police.

1178/21

Police

19-9-21 Reference

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

No J.C.160/Judl.21-22.

SHIMOGA 17/18th Sept. 1921.

Police-5

CB 70-21-(7)

From

G. Aravamuduiengar, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner, & District Magistrate,
Shimoga District.

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
General Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

Adverting to your Memo No: J.1573/Pol.5-21-4 dated 15th Sept. 1921 calling for a report on a telegram from one Pachamia of Shimoga, I have the honour to invite your reference to this Office letter No: 160/Judl.21-22 dated 17th September 1921 submitting a report on a riot that took place on the 13th instant in connection with the Moharam Celebrations. The report gives in detail the various circumstances relating to the withdrawal of the License which is referred to in the telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner, and
District Magistrate,
Shimoga District.

K.S.

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No. C. 160 Judl
1921-22

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
SHIMOGA DISTRICT.
Camp Mysore
Dated, Shimoga 11th October 1921.

CB 1285

From

G. Aravamudu Iyengar Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

CB 70-21 & (9)

To

B. Ramaswamaiyya Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,

General Secretary to Government,

Camp Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. C160 Judl 1921-22 dated 17th September 1921 regarding the occurrence of a riot on the occasion of the last day of Moharum in the Shimoga town, I have the honor to state that the case was investigated by the Amildar of Shimoga and a charge sheet was placed before the First Grade Magistrate, Shimoga, on the 27th September 1921 for offences of rioting, of voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servants from their duty, and of criminal trespass under Sections 147,332 and 447 Indian Penal Code against Mahomed Hussein and 35 others.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Aravamudu Iyengar

Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

Submitted for personal
16/10/21

The papers relating to the quasi Br should be returned to that Br, copy correspondence being retained in Camp Br

A.H. 16/10

Compl. papers to be returned to Compl. in the CB

By reg post - 14.10.21

It is understood that there certain papers relating to this incident are in the Confdtl. Nuthik, if asked, be passed on to the Ch. Secy.

2) For perusal 14.10.21 15/10/21

1st member 3) Ch Secy 17/10 Ch Secy with complts 17.10.21

Recd 18.10.21. 4) Immediate the papers required are not to the Ch. Secy? 18/10/21

(25) 1602

To,

The Secretary,

The Government of H.H.The Maharaja of Mysore,
(Judicial & Police departments),
Bangalore.

Camp MYSORE.

CB 1325

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17-10-21

Petitioners:-

(1). Pacha Mea,
Sir Girow, Shimoga.

(2). Abdul Rahman,
Muncipal Contractor.

(3). Abdulla Sheriff,
General Merchant,

(4). Mahomed Server,
Fish Merchant,

(5). Pailwan Ibrahim Sab,
Merchant,

(6). Mustafa Khan,
Munshi to Sir Girow,

(7). Sheik Alli Sab,
Muzavar,

(8). Hussain Ahmed Sab,
Merchant,

& Others,

Mussalman residents of Shimoga.

5) Submit with all the previous papers on the subject. 19/10/21

6) The previous papers are placed below the whole file is forwarded with compts of the Secy for being dealt with in the Judl Br. C.B. papers have been returned 19/10/21

Secy

7) I doubt think this is a case in which the Govt. should interfere in the manner prayed for by petrs. The trial must proceed. Endorsement maybe given accordingly. 20.10.21.

1st member 21.10.21

The petitioners abovenamed beg leave to respectfully submit the following petition on behalf of the Mussalman community which forms nearly a third of the entire population of the place and they submit it for the kind consideration of the Govt., in the hope that when the Govt., is appraised of what has been done to this community by the ill-advised and short-sighted acts of the local Police officers, the benign Govt., would be pleased to prefer the interests and well-being of this large community to the petty and false notions of official dignity of a few local Police officers.

2. It has been the practice in Shimoga from time immemo-

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immemorial, that for all disguises and Girow parties that devotees display during the Mohurrum festivities, a license will be issued in the name of the Sir Girow, a person who is constituted by consent of all the people concerned to be an authority whose word is implicitly obeyed in all matters arising during the Mohurrum. It has become a religious faith as it were that during the Mohurrum days the person who is constituted the Sir Girow should be obeyed and it has worked very efficently in practice during all the previous years without exception. This year also as usual the Special First Class Magistrate on the authority of the long-standing mamool did issue the license in the name of the Sir Girow; but the Police Inspector to whom the license was forwarded for transmission to the Sir Girow, adopted an attitude which became the source of all the troubles that followed. He withheld the license without delivering it to the person to whom it was issued by a competent Magistrate. The Police Inspector happened to be a Mahommudan unfortunately and had adopted this course on evil advice prompted by personal bias. He made pretexts of imaginary difficulties in the issue of the license as sanctioned by the Magistrate and no license was delivered to the Sir-Girow, though it ~~wa~~ came to 12 Noon of 13th.Sept.1921, the last day of the Mohurrum. The custom here has been for all Taboots & Panjes from various parts of the town to assemble on the last day of the Mohurrum at 5 A.M., near the Chowk in front of the Police Station commonly known as the Kotwal Kattle in Shimoga and when after the Sir ~~Girow~~ car Panje (so-called because of its Govt. upkeep & management) appears and is given the fore-front, the Sir Girow who is installed as such in the Mosque behind the Kotwal Katte, has upon receipt of the license, to proceed with the Girow party and from a list handed over to him from long years past to read out the order of ~~proceedure~~ precedence for the various Taboots & Panjes and to start the procession, and the procession should then leave the Kotwal Katte usually at 6 A.M

But on this occasion the 13th.Sept.1921,though the time went upto 12 noon,there was no sign of delivering the license to the Sir Girow. It must be said to the credit of this large congregation that during all these severe hours of trial physical & mental,what with the fast of the previous night and what with the advance of the day to hours beyond the noon,not to say of the extreme discomfort of standing with Taboots & Panjes--- there was not any appreciable disturbance of the public peace. The Police Supdt., the Police Inspector and their staff were intent on making good their stand and sternly declined the delivery of the license to the Sir Girow. The Sir Girow is a man of great respect for the time being and the D.S.P.'s threatening him to put him into the Lock-up if he did not furnish security to the extent of Rs.2,000/- in defiance of all the experience of all the previous years and of the authority of the Sir Girow by the virtue of the social compact of time immemorial,was very much resented. The Police became equally obstinate in refusing to deliver the license which by right,by custom,by mamool and by proof of absolute peace of all the previous years the Sir Girow was entitled to get. The Police obstinacy was based on imaginary fears,most unjustifiable and unwarranted as proved for example from what followed.

3. It was not till after the District Magistrate appeared on the scene and in his tactful,sympathetic and experienced way grasped the whole situation in a short time and got the mamool license issued,that the crowd dispersed and the festivities pushed through without the least disturbance or disorder,thereby proving the Police apprehensions to have been groundless. In this connection,Mr.A.Ananthiah's unsolicited and kind intervention to explain the whole situation to the Deputy Commissioner in that critical time was very laudable.

The District Supdt.of Police misled by the Police Inspector and staff had been threatening to bring the Military force on the crowd and had got issued written requisitions for the purpose and he had brought the new-comer 2nd.class Magistrate on the scene. The Police thus evinced their best to overawe the peaceful crowd by force,by show of force,by threats of ~~carrying~~ shooting by Military,by pointing to Lock-ups and so forth,in carrying out their common object of desisting the issue of a license and thereby preventing the progress of the procession. The Police officers were evidently more to blame for the unwise attitude adopted by them,want of tact and discretion displayed by them for the unnecessary incitement by threats of Military and other forces on the crowd.

5. Such being the case,the Police officers from the D.S.P.downwards feeling wounded in their false notions of dignity because the Sir Girow got the mamool license in spite of their opposition,thought of making a case against these innocent members of the crowd. They have instituted a prosecution against 36 of the people on 27-9-1921 in Crim. case No.73 of 21-22 on the file of the 1st.class Magistrate , Shimoga for offences of alleged assault and rioting. This case is bolstered up by the evidence of a number of Police constables who are threatened with a loss of their jobs if they do not consent to give this artificial evidence. The case is evidently an unwise institution and is detrimental to the interest of a large community. These 36 people are ~~bei~~ being harassed though unconnected with the affair as they happen to be the named given to dictation by certain of the factitious people of the place. The position has bebecome critical by this unwarranted prosecution for on the one side there is a number of poor Mahommudans of various occupations who and whose dependents are distracted in the hard days of living from their calling on account of the case, while on the other,there is a District

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District Superintendent of Police backing up the case because of his supposed wounded feelings and with the constabulary to give evidence in support thereof . Under such circumstances, there is a grave danger of a miscarriage of Justice, and a ruination & wreck to a large body of innocent Mohommudans; which the balance of discretion would weigh more on the side of forgetting and forgiving such trespasses even if they had actually been committed on the occasion, in view of the great excitement to which they were driven without any fault of theirs and the great eclat with which the Mohurrum is known to be celebrated.

6. Under these circumstances narrated above, the prosecution that has been launched is an unrighteous one, it is pregnant with untold miseries and hardships on a large body of innocent Mahommudans. The petitioners respectfully submit that the benign Government may in consideration of the well-being of this large community direct the withdrawl of the prosecution launched in C.C.No.73 / 21-22. on the file of the 1st.Class.Magistrate.

7. The petitioners further pray that as the case comes off on the 29th.instant, the District Magistrate may be directed before that date to withdraw from the prosecution.

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To
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Municipal contractor
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With reference to their petition addressed to the Secy to Govt, Judicial and Police departments, praying that the criminal case — No. 73 of 1921 — launched against certain members of the Musalman community before

over.

the First-class Magistrate of Shimoga for offences of assault and rioting might be withdrawn, Mr. Abdul Rahman and others were informed that Govt see no reason to interfere as prayed for. ~~in the matter~~

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